

is because of the failure of the majority party to act in accordance with law in reporting out the appropriation bills for all of the Government operations.

As a matter of fact, on October 1, which is the statutory deadline for the appropriation bills to be done, the majority had not accomplished even a single one except for the Congress. So then immediately they passed a continuing resolution, a clean resolution in which they permitted the Government to go about its business and to take care of all of the programs in effect, and that had a cutoff date of November 14.

At midnight, then, the Government was shut down because there was no further agreement to continue the functions of those agencies that had not yet had appropriation bills, which were 13. Thirteen of the appropriation bills had not cleared even by midnight of November 13.

So we had a short shutdown of 5 or 6 days during that period, when again there was a continuing resolution, this time with a club over the President's head, saying, "We are only going to agree to this continuing resolution until December 15, and we want you to agree that you will come and support the concept of a balanced budget in the year 2002," which he has done. There are negotiations going on.

This business of using terrorist tactics and holding innocent people hostage, because someone decided that their ideas about the future of this country are so important and so paramount that the suffering of the people across the country is irrelevant, to me that is an unconscionable way to perform your public responsibilities as given to us under the Constitution.

It is so simple for us to consider a continuing resolution. It has been done in the Senate. Their own Senate leader has put together a continuing resolution. Why not just pass that continuing resolution, let our workers for these remaining nine Departments go back to work and service the communities that are so desperately in need?

My community depends upon the tourist business, we depend upon the parks, we depend upon many other facilities that are operated by the Federal Government. It is tragic that these entities that are really public services are closed down and innocent people, not connected to anyone here, not connected to the Federal Government, are being caused all this harm and suffering. It is time to allow the Government to go back to work.

BALANCED BUDGET WILL RETURN FISCAL SANITY TO WASHINGTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. MCINNIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I think it is particularly important not to lose track of the overall focus of what we have got to do with the Government in

Washington, DC. That is, we have got to bring fiscal sanity back to this city. Right now this government is adding to the debt at a rate of \$30 million an hour. Thirty million an hour goes out more than comes in. The answer is not in additional taxes.

I just heard the previous speaker say we are holding the children of this country hostage, or innocent people hostage. Hostage? We are holding this entire country hostage and the next generation hostage to a deficit that has got to become controlled. There is not a family in America that runs their budget like this budget has been run for 40 years.

Sure, we have had 20 days of discomfort up here. But this country has had 40 years of discomfort. You cannot continue to use this congressional voting card, which is the most unused credit card in the history of this country, you cannot continue to accumulate deficit after deficit after deficit.

There are going to be some adjustments. There are changes that need to be made. Anytime we take business as usual in Washington, DC. and change it and make it more sane and make it more common sense, it is going to cause a disruption. Do not let that disruption divert attention away from a balanced budget. Our country needs one.

I think it is fair to address some of the hardships that some Federal employees are facing as a result of their pay being delayed. They are all going to be paid. Let there be no question about that. They will be paid. The question is the delay. And are there hardships? Certainly there are going to be some hardships.

Let me tell the Members what we did in Colorado. On New Year's Day, a local banker by the name of Bob Young, Robert Young with Alpine Banks called me at my home, and we talked and fine-tuned a program. His bank, the day after New Year's Day, announced that all Federal employees could go to the Alpine banking system in Colorado and draw interest-free an amount equal to the net amount of their last paycheck, so they will not miss any payments. Alpine Banks is committed to do this during this period of shutdown. Since then we have gotten banks in Pueblo, CO, the Minnequa Bank, and a bank in Durango, CO, the Burns Bank, and we have been in contact with many other banks to also join this program.

We want to work with those people. We want to help them with these hardships. But the minute we put this Government back to business as usual, we take the pressure off the Speaker of the House, we take the pressure off the President of the Senate and we take the pressure off the President of the United States to negotiate an agreement.

The only reason these people are negotiating right now is because of the pressure that society is putting on them, partially because the Govern-

ment is closed down, but more importantly because this Government continues to spend without control.

Finally, let me say this. I have heard a lot of speakers on the other side of the aisle criticizing our attempt for a balanced budget. I hope some of the Members speak as strongly about Hazel O'Leary's disappearance of several hundred thousand dollars. They have an opportunity to come to some of these committee hearings and ask Hazel O'Leary:

How come you spent \$500,000 to charter a private jet to go overseas? How come you have an advance team of 31 people? How come you have a film crew follow you all around the world?

There is a lot of waste in this budget. Use your time today that you are devoting to attacking the Republican Party, take that time and take a look at the waste that we have got in our budget. We can work on this as a team.

I am optimistic we can get an agreement. But let me say, the most crucial thing we can do in this generation is to hand the next generation a balanced budget. I urge each and every one of you to join us as a team and give America the biggest present they could have, and that is a balanced budget for the next generation.

IN MEMORY OF ANNE NOEL FAZIO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise on a more somber note than the debate that has been going on here today. I rise under special orders on this day, January 4, which would have been the birthday of my younger sister Nancy, had it not been for the tragic death of Nancy when she was killed visiting me when I was a Peace Corps volunteer. But I rise not so much to remember her. I did that when I was sworn into office in this Chamber just a few years ago. But I rise to talk about death, because it has come to one of our colleague's family.

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Today I ask this country to share my empathy with our truly distinguished colleague, VIC FAZIO. He lost his youngest daughter, Anne Noel.

Everyone knows how hard VIC works in this institution. He is one of the hardest working Members that we have and certainly one of the most devoted Members to the institution of the House of Representatives. VIC is totally dedicated. But most important, or more important than his leadership, is his family.

Today, in Sacramento, as we sit here in Washington, a memorial service is being conducted for his and Joey's daughter. She was a star. She fought off leukemia with a successful bone marrow transplant. She graduated from McClatchey High School. She earned a degree from the University of